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MILITARY VICTORY FOR THE AFGHAN MUJAHIDEEN

In a statement to mark the completion of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, the London-based Islamic Council paid glowing tributes to the Afghan Mujahideen.

The statement said that it was the first time since the Second World War that a people had inflicted a defeat on the Red Army and forced it to retreat from their country. In so doing, the valiant Mujahideen have decisively blocked the march of communism and the Western world, the Third world, and even Eastern Europe owe them a debt of gratitude.

The statement also recalled the valuable and important role and firm stand of Shaheed Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq on the Afghanistan issue, and expressed the hope that the Afghan jihad will succeed in establishing a stable Islamic government in Afghanistan.